Dear Alumni,

Welcome to the fall issue of the Pima Community College Alumni Association (PCCAA) eNewsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading about what is happening at Pima College, and we look forward to receiving your updates for publication in a future PCCAA enewsletter, and other feedback at alumni@pima.edu.

Thank you,

Pima Community College Alumni Association

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News

FedEx Donates $800,000 Classroom

FedEx Express, a subsidiary of FedEx Corp, donated a 34-year-old Boeing 727-200F jet valued at $800,000 to Pima Community College's Aviation Technology Center. The jet is being used to train hundreds of students in the Aviation Technology Program.

Students are using the nearly 200,000-pound jet as a giant classroom where they receive state-of-the-art, hands-on training in specialized areas of concentration-Airframe and Powerplant; Avionics; and Structural Repair.

The 727-200F joins two Boeing 727-100 jets, including a Boeing 727-116 donated by FedEx in 2003. In their time in use by the College, 727-100s have trained hundreds of Aviation Technology Program students.

PCC's intensive program offers certificate and degree opportunities in Airframe and Powerplant, Avionics, and Structural Repair concentrations. Most Aviation Technology Program students combine at least two concentrations.

Since 2000, FedEx has donated 53 of its Boeing 727 aircraft to various organizations for educational purposes.
MyCareerLink Connects Employers and Students

Pima Community College is offering employers a new way to connect online with PCC students.

Through MyCareerLink, employers can list information about internships, jobs and opportunities to volunteer. MyCareerLink is accessible through MyPima portal at www.pima.edu. This new tool offers dozens of opportunities.

MyCareerLink also lets students upload and store resumes, cover letters and other documents, and features career exploration tools, salary calculators and other resources to assist in their academic and career success.

Employers can find more information about MyCareerLink at PCC's Student Recruitment and Internships webpage.

PCC is a Military Friendly School

Pima Community College services for veterans, members of the military and their spouses again has been ranked in the top 15 percent in higher education, making PCC a Military Friendly School for 2013.

PCC is one of 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools to earn the Military
Friendly School designation from GIJobs.com which examined 12,000 institutions nationwide for the programs, discounts, scholarships, clubs, networking and staff resources they provide to improve the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

PCC has been a Military Friendly School every year since the designation was created in 2009.

PCC has a counselor dedicated to veterans' issues, and 50 staffers across the College trained in VA issues. It also has a Veterans Center located at the Downtown Campus. In addition, MyPima, the College's web portal for students, has a veterans section offering one-stop shopping for local resources, as well as up-to-the-minute information on benefits processing and the status of Veterans Administration paperwork.

The College also has an education center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base that serves active duty military personnel. At the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Education Center, students receive the same services as at the other six PCC's campuses.

**Kudos**

**PCC Students Earn National Honors in Scholarship Competition**

Four Pima Community College students have been recognized nationally for their efforts in the 2012 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team scholarship competition.

Adam James was named a 2012 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar for earning the top rating in Arizona in the competition.

Maya Swainson was named a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar, and Sharon Buhs and Lorre Laws were named Coca-Cola Silver Scholars.

More than 1,700 community college students nationwide applied to take part in the competition. Students were judged on the academic rigor of their studies, leadership, and campus and community involvement by staff of the Phi Theta Kappa scholastic honor society and business and education leaders from across the nation.

**PCC Receives the Award of Excellence**

Pima Community College is one of three educational institutions in 2012 to receive the Award of Excellence from the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA), a national organization that promotes excellence in the management of educational facilities.

PCC is also only one of three community colleges in the 24-year history of the award to receive this national recognition. APPA bestowed the first Award of Excellence in 1988. The other community colleges to have received this award are Harrisburg Area Community College and South Mountain Community College in Phoenix.
Past recipients of this prestigious award include the University of California-Berkeley, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Smithsonian Institution, the University of Michigan, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Florida, Duke University and Northern Arizona University, to name a few.

**Governor's Heritage Preservation Award**

Pima Community College has received the 2012 Governor's Heritage Preservation Award from Governor Jan Brewer for partnering with the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation to give four recently restored historic neon signs a new home at PCC's Downtown Campus.

The award was given to the Tucson Neon Rehabilitation Project for its "outstanding achievements in preserving Arizona's historic and prehistoric cultural resources."

The four 1950's era signs-Magic Carpet Golf, the Tropicana Motor Hotel, Medina's Sporting Goods and Canyon State Motor Lodge-Arizona Hotel-were installed along the south side of Drachman Street, along the north edge of the Downtown Campus located on 1255 N. Stone Ave. The signs were donated to PCC by the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation, which had painstakingly brought them back to life. The signs once marked the entrances to businesses well-known to longtime Tucsonans.

**Alumni Salute!**

**Alumni Spotlight: Karen Ferrara**

"The spark began when I stepped onto the campus of Pima Community College. It was a jumpstart to a wonderful segment of my life," Karen Ferrara said.

Karen came to PCC from a small school with a graduating class of about 80 students, Willcox High School located in Willcox, AZ.

Karen chose to attend Pima first, then work her way toward the "larger college life" at The University of Arizona. She recently came across a letter she wrote to her parents in 1981 while attending PCC. In that letter, she conveyed to her family how much she enjoyed herself and how much she loved Pima.

Her mother said that when it came time for her to transfer to The University of Arizona, she sought out more transferrable courses to take at Pima to delay her transition.

When Karen could no longer fight the inevitable, she transferred to the U of A and graduated with a Public Administration degree in 1984.

Shortly thereafter, she began her career in the Arizona court system working as an intake officer and then as an intake unit supervisor in the Pretrial Services Division of the Superior Court in Pima County, and later moved into court administration and was
charged with designing and developing the court's first training and education department. Karen relocated to Cochise County in 1991, when she was appointed as the administrator of the Superior Court. She worked in the Arizona court system for almost 30 years.

Karen retired this past June after 22 years of being Cochise County's Court administrator and she was selected as the 2012 Judicial Branch Distinguished Service Award winner in the Administration of Justice award category.

"I loved my career. There was never a dull moment, a day without a challenge, a day without learning something new," Karen said. "I am very passionate about the court system and the role it plays in our society. But, as my first boss once said, 'there is a time for departure, even if there is no place to go,'" she said.

"I've been very fortunate to have worked with and for some incredible people and I will miss many people and many things," Karen said. "At the end of the day, I know the job has been one of the greatest I'll ever have had and the memories will continue to flood."
Karen doesn't have any immediate plans for the future, but there are definitely a number of possibilities.

"Now I have the opportunity to sit back and consider what lies ahead and reflect on a very satisfying excursion thus far," Karen said.

"Prior to court-life, I was in the domestic Peace Corps and it was one of the most satisfying things I've ever done. It isn't beyond the realm of possibility that I return to that type of calling. Or, who knows, maybe I can play in the dirt in a local garden department for a bit as well," she said.

Alumni Outreach

Recommend Outstanding Alumni

The Alumni Association is compiling names of successful alumni. Submit recommendations on those whom you would like us to honor at a future event or in a PCC publication. We welcome nominations and information via e-mail at alumni@pima.edu. Remember, you can send us information on yourself too!

Alumni Association Family Scholarship

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2012-2013 Alumni Association Family Scholarship!
The students awarded the scholarship are:

Brianna Armbruester, Nursing (AAS)
Jesus F. Arriola, Interior Design (AA)
Maria Elena Cantu, Liberal Arts (AA)
Margaret Ann Gauna, Social Services (AAS)
Diana Lizeth Vargas, Science (AS)

Congratulations, Brianna, Jesus, Maria Elena, Margaret Ann, and Diana Lizeth!

Consider a Contribution to Alumni Scholarship Fund

Our students need your help now more than ever. Make a donation to the PCC Foundation's Alumni Scholarship Fund and change a student's life.

You can donate online. To donate to the Alumni Association Family Scholarship (which goes to alumni and their dependents) or any other scholarship/program/fund, go to www.pima.edu/foundation, click on the "online donation." If choosing to contribute to the Alumni Scholarship, select general scholarships and fill in "Alumni Association Family Scholarship."

Check out other scholarships and contribution opportunities offered by the PCC Foundation at www.pima.edu/foundation.

For more information, contact the PCC Foundation at (520) 206-4646 or via e-mail at foundation@pima.edu.

Join the Board

Alumni Wanted: Join the Pima Community College Alumni Association Board!

Be part of the PCCAA Board to network and advance your career. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (520) 206-4646 or via email at alumni@pima.edu.

New PCC Programs

Behavioral Health Services
Degree: Certificate for Direct Employment

This is an 18-credit program that allows students to enter the Behavioral Health field in an entry level position. Students will learn basic safety protocols, characteristics of common mental disorders, communication techniques, terminology, case writing protocol, and the use of computers. This program may be completed by taking classes exclusively on evening/weekends or in a combination of weekdays and evenings/weekends.

Demand for behavioral health technicians in in-patient and out-patients settings is expected to increase, both in terms of numbers and skill levels needed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 16% growth in social and human service assistants from 2008-2018 and 15% growth in psychiatric technicians for Pima County.

These projections do not take into account Pima County's efforts to expand behavioral health services that will likely begin to impact the labor market in the next few years.

For qualified students, fifty percent of tuition will be provided by the Health Professions Opportunities Grant. Other potential funding sources include the Pima County Workforce Investment Act program and the Tucson Indian Center WIA 166 program.

For more information on the Behavioral Health Services Program, contact the Center for Training and Development Office at (520) 206-5142 or via email at ctd@pima.edu.

Fashion Design

Degree: Certificate for Direct Employment

This program prepares students to work in the fashion and clothing industry in entry level positions. The courses in the certificate also meet requirements toward the Associate of Applied Arts in Applied Arts. The curriculum incorporates fashion design, including fashion drawing, imaginative design, computer applications, draping, textiles, and pattern drafting.

Demand is expected to increase, both in terms of numbers and skill levels needed. Market analysis projects approximately 10% growth in fashion designers and approximately 6% growth in related careers for Pima County over the period of 2011-2017.

The University of Arizona Retail Merchandising Program has expressed interest in a fashion design certificate to augment their degree and job opportunities.

For more information on the Fashion Design Program, contact the West Campus Arts, Communications and Humanities Department at (520) 206-6690.
The Arts

Pima Community College Center for the Arts Announces the 2012–13 Season: Applaud!

What: PCC Center for the Arts 2012-13 Season: Applaud!

Where: PCC Center for the Arts, West Campus, 2202 West Anklam Road, Tucson, AZ 85709

When: August 2012 through May 2013

Open to the public: For performance tickets call the box office at (520) 206-6986 or purchase online at www.pima.edu/cfa. The gallery and all its programs are free, call (520) 206-6942.

Information: (520) 206-6986 or (520) 206-3062, centerforthearts@pima.edu, www.pima.edu/cfa.

Pima Community College Center for the Arts announces its 2012-2013 Season: Applaud! an eclectic and dynamic selection of performances, gallery exhibits and special events. Pima's theatre arts performances take the audience from family jungle adventures to edge-of-your-seat suspense, rollicking 50s rock 'n roll romance to a young girl's hopeful inspiration. While Pima's dance shows explore the wonders of the world and a fusion of dance styles.

Student, faculty and guest artist performances by Pima's music program provide classical entertainment. Exhibitions of contemporary works by international, national and regional visual artists in the Louis Carlos Bernal Gallery continue to wow the community. The season rounds out with an award-winning digital video and film screening; a runway fashion show of student-designed apparel; and readings and workshops by Pima's communication department. The Center for the Arts complex, situated on PCC's West Campus, consists of the Proscenium Theatre, the Black Box Theatre, the Recital Hall and the Louis Carlos Bernal Gallery.

Athletics

National Award for Athletic Trainer

Pima Community College's Athletic Trainer Ben Carbajal received the 2012 Bill Chisholm Professional Service Award. The National Athletic Trainers' Association's Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee presented the award at the association's convention held in St. Louis.

Ben Carbajal has been with PCC since 1979 and is one of the longest serving athletic trainers in Arizona. In 2009 he was inducted into the Arizona Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame.
The Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee presents the Bill Chisolm Professional Service Award annually to recognize an individual who has significantly advanced the provision of athletic health care services to ethnically diverse individuals or made a significant contribution to the professional development and advancement of ethnically diverse athletic trainers.

**PCC Athletics Ties for 17th Place in NATYCAA Cup Standings**

The Pima Community College athletic program tied for 17th out of 193 colleges listed in the NJCAA Scholarship Division as part of the National Alliance Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup standings. The point totals were based on the success of the colleges specifically in championship competition during the 2011-12 season. The only other community College in Arizona that ranked higher than Pima's score of 72 was Central Arizona College who finished 5th with 110 points.

**Fall Sports**

PCC continues its regular season competition in the following sports: Baseball, Cross-Country, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball. For details and to see schedules for all of the Aztecs teams, visit the Athletics Calendar.

**Upcoming Events**

A complete list of key dates, events, Athletics, and the College Center for the Arts can be found on the Pima Community College Online Calendar PCC Online Calendar.

Membership in the PCC Alumni Association is free. Anyone who has taken courses at PCC is eligible to become a member of the Alumni Association. As a member, you will receive regular notices of College news and events and opportunities available to alumni. The benefits of membership include invitations to alumni events, volunteer opportunities and use of College services, such as career and job search counseling and access to the libraries and recreation centers. To become a member, simply fill out the Online Registration Form found at www.pima.edu/alumni.